

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2885 - SB 2932**

February 12, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds the knowing exposure of a child or the knowing failure to protect a child from exposure to a methamphetamine lab to the definition of severe child abuse. The penalty for child abuse and neglect is a Class A misdemeanor unless the child is six years of age or less then the penalty is a Class D felony.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$38,300/Incarceration\***

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not significant**

Estimate assumes four additional Class D felony convictions each year. Additional local expenditures for persons convicted of Class A misdemeanor are not estimated to be significant.

*\*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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